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The Honorable George P. Shultz
 The Secretary of State
 Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

At the 7 March Senate Select Committee on Intelligence hearing on the FY 1985 Foreign Counterintelligence program, Senator Patrick J. Leahy (D., VT), referring to the Huddleston amendment on ensuring reciprocity between United States and Soviet official presence, emphatically warned that unless the Executive Branch takes steps and proposes actions now to narrow the differences between Soviet Bloc presence here and our presence in the USSR and Eastern Europe, the Congress itself would take action that might be more drastic than we would want.

He asked us to examine carefully whether limiting the numbers of Soviets with full immunity from criminal prosecution might be the most effective way to get both sides to equal numbers of persons with full criminal immunity. He thought this approach might not draw as much adverse Soviet reaction as a large scale expulsion of their officials engaged in intelligence activity.

Senator Leahy also urged in strong terms that we make fullest use of the Office of Foreign Missions to equalize treatment, and said it should be an easy first step to require all Soviet Bloc officials to book their travel in the United States through this office. He argues this would simplify the Federal Bureau of Investigation's surveillance tasks.

Senator Leahy said he is eager to see the Department's forthcoming report on equivalence and reciprocity. You may wish to review that report in light of Senator Leahy's comments at the recent hearing, though this should not delay submission of the report.

W. J. Casey
 Sincerely,
 William J. Casey
 Director of Central Intelligence

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